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## ASK EPA !!

### Questions and Answers about Asbestos and EPA's Investigation

**Q:** How many local people are working on the Libby asbestos cleanup?

**A:** Under the new contract, EPA continues to encourage the subcontractors to hire local employees whenever possible. Currently the majority of workers involved in cleanup activities in Libby are from the Libby or Troy area.

Three cleanup contractors - ER, Libby Restoration and MCS - are currently working in Libby. EMSL provides some of the necessary laboratory services in Libby such as sample analysis. CDM has been responsible for investigations, sampling and cleanup oversight in Libby since 1999.

At present there are 90 people working full-time.

61 are local

29 are from out of town.

During Fiscal Year 2004 (Oct. 2003 - Sept. 2004), EPA estimates that approximately \$8.2 million cleanup dollars went directly into the Libby economy in the form of salary, benefits, per diem, housing, purchases, contracts, and rentals.

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